

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus for forming an image on a transfer material with toner, comprising:

a photoconductive member;

a developing unit for developing an electrostatic image on the photoconductive member by performing reversible deposition;

an intermediate transfer member facing the photoconductive member; and

a controller to control a process of the image forming apparatus, wherein when the image forming apparatus stops, the controller stops the intermediate transfer member, after transferring a toner image pattern α formed on a non-image area of the photoconductive member to the intermediate transfer member, and after removing the toner image pattern α from the intermediate transfer member.

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a first cleaning unit for removing toner remaining on the photoconductive member and a second cleaning unit for removing toner remaining on the intermediate transfer member.

13. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, wherein the non-image area follows the image forming area of the photoconductive member to the intermediate transfer member.

14. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

a first transfer section for transferring toner images from the photoconductive member to the intermediate transfer member;

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a second transfer section for transferring toner images from the intermediate transfer member to the transfer material.

15. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a first transfer roller at the first transfer section.

16. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a second transfer roller at the second transfer section.

17. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a fixing unit for fixing a toner image onto the transfer material.

18. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first cleaning unit comprises a cleaning blade.

19. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein the second cleaning unit comprises a cleaning blade.

20. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, wherein a developing bias superimposes a direct current voltage and an alternating current voltage.

21. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, wherein the toner is negatively charged.

22. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus for forming an image on a transfer material with toner, comprising:

a photoconductive member;

~~a charging member for charging the photoconductive member~~

5 ~~with an electric charge having a same polarity as the toner;~~

a developing unit for developing an electrostatic image on the photoconductive member by performing reversible deposition; an intermediate transfer member provided to contact the photoconductive member;

10 a first transfer section for transferring a toner image from the photoconductive member to the intermediate transfer member; and

a controller to control a process of the image forming apparatus, wherein when the image forming apparatus stops, the
15 controller stops the photoconductive member after controlling at least one of a transfer voltage and a transfer current of the first transfer section so that a majority of toner in a toner image α , which is formed on a non-image area of the photoconductive member, remains on the photoconductive member,
20 and after removing the majority of toner in the toner image α remaining on the photoconductive member.

23. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a first cleaning unit for removing toner remaining on the photoconductive member and a second cleaning unit for removing toner remaining on the intermediate transfer member.

24. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a fixing unit for fixing a toner image onto the transfer material.

25. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a second transfer section for transferring toner images from the intermediate transfer member to the transfer material.

26. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first cleaning unit comprises a cleaning blade.

27. (New) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein the second cleaning unit comprises a cleaning blade.

28. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a first transfer roller at the first transfer section.

29. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 25, further comprising a second transfer roller at the second transfer section.

30. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein a developing bias superimposes a direct current voltage and alternating current voltage.

31. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 22, wherein the toner is negatively charged.